



SGM & COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a ASWMC SGM & Council meeting at The Hartnoll Country House Hotel, Tiverton, Devon on Sunday 9th March 2014 at 2.30pm

SGM MINUTES

Attendance:

Clubs represented - Bath MC, Bristol MC, Bristol Pegasus MC, Camel Vale MC, CRSW, Farnborough & DMC, HSA, Salisbury & Shaftesbury MC, Silverton MC, Torbay MC, Woolbridge MC

Executive Members - Paul Parker, Mark Chater, Colin Goode, Rodger Harvey, Rupert Barker, Vic Fancy, Roy Sims, Pam Harthill, Ernie Burles, Alan Whitney, Tim Walton

1. Apologies for absence.

Howard West, Roger Gillard, Chris House, Roger Nunn, Nic Ayre, Devizes, Road Rally Register, SHMC, Exmouth MC.

2. Minutes of the SGM 10th March 2013 - accepted
3. Matters arising from those minutes -none
4. Association accounts to 31st December 2013

CG circulated accounts. Explained about training and training grant, which are the same as the MSA funds our training. Explained that petrol costs have gone up as we pay for people to attend other meetings, e.g LARA, we also help fund trainee clerks and stewards. Proposed CRSW seconded Torbay.

5. Any other business of the SGM - none

COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendance - As SGM

1. Apologies for absence – as SGM
2. Minutes of the Council meeting 27th October 2013 - accepted
3. General Secretary's Report – no report
4. Executive Committee Report by the Chairman together with Motor Sports Council and Specialist Committee Reports

MSA is the process of amending its Child Protection Policy following a review.

Closed roads are back on the agenda and there is a government consultation in progress. The MSA is anxious to hear about potential events that could occur if legislation is introduced. We need everyone to take an active interest in this issue and making responses as this is potentially a once in a lifetime issue.

The MSA fixture list has been modified and is much more user friendly, and forms the basis from which permits are issued. It is a much simpler format to use than hitherto.

The Club Officials seminars took place a month or so ago. PP asked for feedback – Silverton said that members of his club attended and gave a very positive opinion, to the extent that they would be providing something similar for their own club.

MRSF has three new films on DVD for Safety of Competitors, Marshals and Organisers, concentrating on rallying. Has been distributed to all clubs.

The chairman of the MSA Autotest committee conducted a pilot event at the end of last year where the format for test signage was revised to be more in keeping with that for autosolo, the most major change was that each course marker was only used in one direction. Details will be circulated to clubs as a suggested format.

The MSA ran a club survey, approx 40% response, being assessed to form a report.

Last year's Club of the Year competition, entry weak and so was the quality so only a winner was awarded. Until the last few years the SW has been fairly successful. RH said he spent a day with ADL who said that the clubs in the SW are performing better and should put themselves forward. PP said that it seemed the rules for entry change frequently and this can put clubs off, the ASWMC could try to aid clubs in formulating an entry.

The Volunteer of the Year also had a low entry number but they were high quality. The ASWMC will do what it can to encourage clubs to put in entries in both.

Unsealed rally events average speeds will be increased from 65mph to 70mph from 2015. List of tyres for next year has been published and list of remoulds will follow.

S&S has read the consultation and on closed road rallying and is concerned about where this will leave existing road rallies not run on closed roads and wondered if this had been thought about. PP said the rules would not be changed for existing road events, the new legislation would only apply to events where a closure of the road is required.

5. Treasurer's Report

CG presented a report on finances for the first two months of the year, compared to 2013. Explained a correction as Enduro Championship registrations were not shown. There are 12 clubs that have not paid their subscriptions for this year.

6. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports

Rallies – sealed up by 16 on last year, helped by AW getting to Brean. Loose down by one. Open navigation gone from 15 to 31 so far this year. Novice navigation up by 1. Six registered for Enduro, one more believed to be coming. Said WSM are

moving the date of the Regency to 29th November. S&S said this is the date of the Great Bustard which starts and finishes within 2 miles of the Regency and requires 150 marshals so would create problems with manpower and also venues, accommodation etc. The ASWMC has no power to prevent the event from running. TW (as a former secretary of WSM) said he would be prepared to talk to WSM to try and establish communication between the two clubs.

TW raised whether safety radios should be used more on longer selectives on Enduro rallies. S&S said they had written a draft code of practice for running tests that has disappeared somewhere in the MSA, but in general it is important that we do not over-regulate Enduros. PP suggested a list of recommendations (not regulations) could be included in the blue book. Concern that Enduros don't get sucked down the route of stage rallying with the degree of regulation that goes with that. CG asked if the number of the previous car was put on competitors' time cards - some events do, some don't. PP asked if there would be any value in drawing the organisers into a working group, S&S said the existing organising teams are pretty close already through the championship.

Autotest registrations 14, Autosolos 24. Running the first Autosolo in January probably affected registrations. Regulation about dropped scores will be put up for amendment at the AGM.

Speed – registrations down but not by much.

Autocross – registrations over 100% up on this time last year. Thanks Colin & Sharon Anderson who held a pre-season get-together of the autocross fraternity, PP said over 60 people present, perhaps other championships might considerer. First event Sandocross 13th April. Rally car classes re-introduced this year.

7. Registrations

Marked increase in registrations, including 86 people that did not register in 2013. Under 21s and All-Rounders are up as well as the discipline specific championships.

8. Training – not present.

PP stated that one training event had taken place pre SW Enduro and another in October, details TBA.

9. Forestry – not present, MC read out report provided by CH.

Disease continues to affect both Forestry Commission and private woodland across the South West. However, the major Forestry rallies are to run without any restriction, after removal of the affected timber. Road rallies and Endurance are still able to use selected woods. Although the weather has delayed this, it will still be cleared in time for The Somerset Stages.

Some events are still required to implement car washing between forests, however Trials have suffered from loss of venues due to storm damage which hopefully is a one off occurrence. There is also some controversy and confusion about charging for Forestry use that falls outside of the MSA master agreement. I am seeking clarification, but am finding knowledge of Motor Sport usage is lacking within the new management structure.

PH said that fees for trials have increased by over 100% over the last five years. Also an issue with VAT being charged twice or three times. Charge is £400 for a single venue.

Concern about how the MSA represent the grass roots events with the Forestry Commission, PP said that the creation of the Unsealed events tyres list was potentially showing that steps were being taken to minimise the damage to forests to halt the escalation in fees.

10. Venue development – not present, MC read our report from RG

Have meetings with Kevin Moore regards the Go-Motorsport at Boconnoc in July and Newton Abbot Race course in May and the use of Keevil may be soon lost to resurfacing at the air base and training for the new aircraft.

A lot of the concrete roads around the airfield could be dug up to provide foundations for the upgraded runway, so the nature of the venue could change after the resurfacing

11. Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be in April, timings of the newsletter will be changed slightly to fit in with events. Going over to download has gone well, almost all are download only a dozen are posted. Moving to only having points tables to twice a year. Gradual change in style with more pictures and articles.

12. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed 15:40

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